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## ANNUAL MEETING OF RED CROSS HEART WONDERFUL REPORT

Members of the local Red Cross Society were given their usual welcome at a meeting held in the sewing room. About 20 members attended the meeting.

Gleichen chapter can be justly proud of its efforts. For the year 1942, the amount of \$1,000.52 was raised by various means such as raffles, dances, hotcake suppers, etc., raffles.

An amazing amount of work was completed during the year, large shipments of supplies being headed quarterly to Canada. Total shipments for the year included 275 articles for hospital use; large quantities of bandages and surgical dressings; 155 quilts; 72 garments for refugees; 380 knitted articles for the Canadian Red Cross; 8 containers, each of which contained over 70 items. A total was completed in one year, and is ready should such an emergency arise.

Apart from the Red Cross work, the members found time to knit 18 pairs of socks for local boys as they enlisted. For girls joining the service, 100 pairs of socks were made and three more are in the making.

In the secretary's report, special thanks was tendered to Mrs. L. Michael, convenor of the Young Women class; Mrs. E. H. Windsor, Miss MacQueen and her staff of the Indian Hospital for their assistance in conducting the classes.

Much credit was also due to Mrs. Butterister (wool committee), Mrs. Farquharson (clothing committee) and Mrs. G. Evans (quilts committee).

Mrs. MacQueen who is in charge of all hospital bandages and surgical dressings, and to Mrs. Gooderham, in charge of the layettes. These ladies gave of their time and efforts unselfishly.

The local chapter wishes to thank the generous members of Meadowsbrook U.F.W.A. for 15 quilts which they made and donated to the Red Cross.

The teen-aged girls under the direction of Mrs. R. W. Brown, made several novelty quilts for the Red Cross and raised quite a few dollars for the organization.

Special mention was made of Mr. R. W. Evans, chairman of the entertainment committee, Mr. T. H. Beach, chairman of the membership and campaign committee for their valuable assistance throughout the year.

One of the most profitable means of raising money was catering to the public—the sum of \$228.00 being raised in this way. Although it meant much preparation and work for them, serving committees, everything worked with a will for the benefit of the Red Cross.

Gleichen chapter is most grateful to Mr. Ostrander for the use of the room; to the Blackfoot Indians for their donation of coal; to Mr. P. Mahoney, Mr. Haskayne, Mr. J. A. Ramsey, Miss M. Bell, Mr. S. Hamill, Mr. Morris, Hiner and Blasie, and Messrs. Crockett and Rousche, all of whom helped to make 1942 a successful year for the chapter.

The same slate of officers were elected by acclamation to carry on for another year.

Mrs. J. A. McArthur, President. Mrs. G. W. Evans, first vice-president.

Mrs. R. W. Brown, second vice-president.

Mrs. H. E. James, third vice-president.

Mrs. P. Deshayes, secretary.

Mr. A. W. Gilbert, treasurer.

Mrs. G. W. Evans convenor of war work committee.

Financial statement of Gleichen branch of the Red Cross Society as at 9th January, 1943:

RECEIPTS	
Jan. 12, 42 <sup>nd</sup> bal forward.....	\$3225.07
Donations received.....	176.93
Sale of material.....	18.25
Proceeds from raffles.....	43.25
Proceeds from suppers.....	22.00
Proceeds from raffles.....	11.60
Golf shack donated.....	8.00
Red Cross campaign.....	430.25
Scrap sales.....	36.65
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EXPENDITURES



TRIO OF PATRIOTS

Three of a kind . . . and more to come! Here are three of the attractive Culigan Sisters of Kitchener, Ontario, who have joined the Canadian Legion of Comrades in Arms over the CBC National network (heard every Friday at 8:15 p.m.). Left to right are Airwoman Carol Culigan, Airwoman Pearl Culigan, and Airwoman Olive Culigan. A fourth young Culigan Sister, Ruby, was unable to attend the broadcast. But that's not all. There is a fifth Culigan sister who has plans to join her older sisters in the C.A.L. next July. This weekly program is devoted to the united service of Canada's armed forces as carried on the stations of the western network.

### CAPT. J. A. COOK

#### PROMOTED TO

#### RANK OF MAJOR

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cook have received word that their son, Capt. J. A. Cook has been promoted to the rank of major.

Major Cook went overseas in December 1942 and returned in March 1943. Since then he has been stationed at A2B A.T.C. Halifax as an instructor.

His speaker, he is staying House Rule, his preparation for his new duties as conductor and arbiter of proceedings. Some changes will be witnessed in the chamber. Elmer E. Roper will be introduced, and will take his seat for the first time, and C. A. Reyher will be introduced as the new Industrial Creditor. The familiar face of those stricken has been increased by those who knew him during his legislative years. Prior to the war, Mr. Cook's supporters will have to cause, the proceeding being in called for February 18.

Alberta will build a new \$500,000 tuberculosis sanatorium on the university grounds at Edmonton, and those necessary priorities can be shared. However, no matter how low their products may be in price—and today they are low in price compared to the high wages industrial workers are receiving. Farmers simply carry on to the best of their ability, and the products which the government needs. It does seem, therefore, that our farmers are entitled by all to a great deal of credit for their splendid work they are doing in producing vast quantities of those most important munitions of war—foodstuffs.

I venture the suggestion to the government, however, that because of all this, there is an increasing desire on the part of the producers our prairie farmers are raising, to bring their net incomes nearer to those now enjoyed by industrial workers, would be well in order.

#### OBITUARY

##### MRS. M. BRETHOUR

Mrs. Brethour, a former resident of Gleichen for many years, died at Cluny last week. Born in Dutton, Ont., she came to Gleichen 47 years ago and lived here for about 20 years. Spent some years at Redcliff, and later married Mr. M. Brethour, who had lived for the past seven years. She was predeceased by her husband over twenty years ago. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. B. Payne of Vancouver and Mrs. D. Johnson of Calgary; one son Leslie who is overseas.

Funeral services were held in Gleichen and interment was made in the cemetery there.

#### THE WEEK IN EDMONTON

The proclamation calling for the session of the legislature has been published in the Alberta Gazette, and members will assemble in Edmonton for the opening at 9 p.m. February 18. Already at work in H.Q. P. Dae-

### SKIP D. MACDONALD WINS TWO FIRST PRIZES AT CLUNY

Sixteen rinks of when four were from Gleichen entered the Cluny bonspiel last week. One rink from town headed by the veteran curler, Dan MacDonald with N. McMillan, P. Deshayes and Jack Wilson carried off the first and second prizes.

Jack Webb's pair occupied a second prize, while the other two rinks headed by Pat Mahoney and Bob Brown came back empty handed.

All the rinks report having enjoyed themselves regardless of the cold weather.

#### SOLDIERS ABSENT

#### WITHOUT LEAVE RARE OCCURRENCE

No number of cases of Absence Without Leave in Military District No. 18 is small, because the eight kind of discipline is enforced, according to a statement made by the military authority. "He also added that the men are considered fit for the war effort, but there are a few who do not realize the seriousness of the grave effect it may have on their dependents."

Actually the number absent without leave in this district, according to the military authorities, is less than five-fifths of one percent.

It was pointed out that soldiers who go absent are not playing the game, first to their country, second by their unit and third by their comrades. "Their country expects them to be good citizens and to be good soldiers," this official commented.

He went on to say that each unit has an esprit de corps, which is the responsibility of each soldier in the unit.

"The commanding officer will let down his comrade, therefore, by being absent," he stated, "as he may be losing essential training which will render him less effective in this field. If the soldier at any time has to be sent overseas without leave, training will have been already entirely completed. He is endangering not only his life but also the lives of his comrades, because he lacks some essential part of training."

"The soldier is not playing the game, he is not a good citizen, he loses pay and so may his dependents. He is also letting down the good name of his family and himself as a Canadian citizen."

A study of circumstances surrounding cases of absence without leave, according to this official, shows that ignorance and carelessness on the part of the soldier and his family are frequently contributing factors in respect of the absence.

It was pointed out that if a soldier overcomes his laziness or fatigue and goes away from his unit without permission, in most cases neither the soldier nor his family realize the financial hardship which may cause to the soldier and his dependents.

"In similar like this absence without leave is a serious offence," the officer declared. "The soldier's description is circulated, and he is liable to be arrested by civil or military police. Upon apprehension, the soldier will be tried for this offense, and if found guilty would forfeit his pay for every day of his illegal absence, and also for each day while he is serving any sentence of detention, which may be imposed."

"It is believed that the illegal absence averaged twenty-two days the dependents allowance would be cut off, and voluntary assignments of pay may be stopped immediately the soldier is reported absent without leave. This measure can only be relied upon after the first day of the month after the apprehension of the soldier."

There are three kinds of illegal absence, according to this military official, these are: (a) absence without leave; (b) desertion—which means any intention to stay away and not return to service; (c) illegal absence after being warned for overstay.

"It is the hope of the military authorities that the public and relatives will give every assistance to the army in this matter," the official stated.



### BUTTER CONSUMPTION TEMPORARILY REDUCED

It has become necessary to reduce the current rate of consumption of butter, and accordingly changes have been made in the dates on which (brown) spare "C" coupons of the current ration book may be used.

Spare "C" coupons 10 and 11 may not be used for the purchase of butter. Coupons 1 to 4 inclusive, have already expired.

Expiry dates for spare "C" coupons 5 to 8, inclusive, have been extended to aid consumers in stretching out the butter allowance over the period from now until February 28th.

Each coupon will continue to be good for the purchase of one-half pound of butter and will be good only on the dates specified below:

#### HERE IS THE NEW SCHEDULE

Coupon Number	Good for purchase beginning on	Not good for purchase after
5 and 6	January 18th	February 28th
7 and 8	February 1st	February 28th
9	March 1st	March 14th

The result of this is to reduce each individual's allowance by 2 2/3 ounces per week during the temporary period.

CONSUMERS WILL FIND IT ADVISABLE TO RATION THEMSELVES SO THAT THEY MAY BE ABLE TO STRETCH THE NEW BUTTER ALLOWANCE OVER THE NEXT SIX WEEKS

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